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Applicant(s): Shinichi AZUMI et al.					
Invention: LOCK MECHANISM FOR OPENING AND CLOSING MEMBER AND IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS					
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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated March 22, 2007, please amend the above-identified, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.